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From the Camp at Cote, July 30. *N. S.*

ON Tuesday the 28th Instant early in the Morning we had Advice, that the Detachments of Troops the Enemy had made from the Army towards Quesnoy and Maubeuge, being join'd the Day before to the Number of seventeen Battalions and twenty Squadrons, were marching under the Command of the Count d'Ellain, a Lieutenant-General, towards Binch; whereupon his Grace the Duke of Marlborough gave immediate Orders for reinforcing the Garrisons of Mons and Brussels. Count d'Hona, Governor of the former, went away Post to his Command, and Major-General Chanclos set out at the same time for Brussels, to Command the Horse there, of which we compute there may be now in that Place eight Squadrons and as many Battalions, including those drawn from Audenarde and Tournay. It is not yet known what Town the Enemy have a design upon, but as they march without Cannon and Baggage, 'tis to be apprehended they may have Intelligence with some of the Inhabitants, tho' we hope, by the Measures taken for securing the Places the most expos'd, their Designs may be prevented. This Morning twelve hundred Men were order'd out of the Army to make Roads in the Front, and we are preparing to march on Saturday towards the Enemy's Lines. This Afternoon his Grace receiv'd an Express from Mons, with an Account that the Enemy's Detachment near Binch halted there Yesterday, tho' they were preparing in the Morning to March, and it was said in their Camp that their Design was discover'd. His Grace intends to go to Morrow to Aire, to visit the Fortifications of that Place.

From the Camp at Viller Brulin, August 3. *N. S.* On Saturday the 1st Instant his Grace the Duke of Marlborough march'd with the Army under his Command from Cote, and encamped with the Right at Magnicourt en Comte, and the Left at Betonfart, with the Head Quarters at Rebreuve. The same Day our advanced Guards met with a Party of the Enemy's Hussars that were sent out to get Intelligence of our Motions. Our Men killed several of them, took a Captain, two Lieutenants, a Quarter-Master, and one and twenty Men, which they brought Prisoners with their Horses to our Camp. This Day our Army made another Movement, and is now encamp'd with the Right at Ligny St. Flochel, and the Left near Aubigny. We have an Account, that upon our March from Cote the Detachment the Enemy had made towards Brabant halted at Peronne near Binch, and that the Marshal de Villars having drawn his Troops together behind the Lines, had given Orders for the greatest part of the Garrisons of Ipres and St. Omer to join him with all the Expedition they can make. Our Troops are now employ'd in making Fascines, and his Grace designs to advance to Morrow nearer to the Enemy's Lines, which are not above two Leagues from our Camp.

From the Camp at Vergier, August 6. *N. S.* On the 1st Instant his Grace the Duke of Marlborough marched from the Camp of Cote to Rebreuve, where the Detachment commanded by the Earl of Albemarle joined him. He halted the next Day, and on the 3d marched to Viller-Brulin, where he immediately ordered Fascines to be made, as if he intended to attack the Enemy on that side. On the 4th early in the Morning he went from Viller Brulin with a Detachment of two thousand Horse, and the greatest part of the Grenadiers of the Army, to take a near view of the Enemy's Lines on that side, and the Situation of their Army. His Grace found the former, besides their own Strength, guarded with all the Troops the Marshal de Villars could draw together; and returning to the Camp about Noon, made the Disposition for marching back, in order to attempt the passing the Senset, and getting that way behind their Lines. This his Grace had in view upon his advancing from Cote towards the Enemy. Count Hompesch was sent away in the Morning, and Lieutenant-General Cadogan followed in the Afternoon to Douay, to assemble the Troops in Garrison there, with such others as were left for that purpose in this Neighbourhood, making in all twenty three Battalions and seventeen Squadrons, with which they were ordered to March directly to Arleux, to pass over there, and take Post, while the whole Army marched to sustain them. At seven in the Evening Brigadier Sutton, with the Artillery and Pontons, guarded by four Regiments of Foot, and three hundred and fifty Horse, was ordered to March and make Bridges over the Scarp near Vitry and the Canal of Arleux above Goullerin, and at nine the Army decamped, and marched in six Columns. The Duke of Marlborough with the Horse of the Left Wing advanced with all possible diligence, whilst the rest of the Army followed; and his Grace having passed the Scarpe about five in the Morning, received an Account that our Detachment had found means to repair the Bridges the Enemy had broke down about Arleux, and to pass the Senset there, and take Post near Oisy. His Grace marched on, and passed over at the same place, having first sent Orders to the Army to continue their March with all Expedition. The Marshal de Villars soon took the Alarm, and marched likewise with great Diligence most part of the Night, hoping to have prevented us; and almost as soon as the Duke of Marlborough came up, he appear'd with the Head of his Line of Horse in sight of us; but throwing one hundred Dragoons into the Castle of Oisy, with eight Officers, who were soon after made Prisoners of War, he retired with great Precipitation as our Army advanced towards him. It was almost Night before the last of our Troops were got over; as they arrived, they were directed to draw up in Order of Battel, the Enemy giving out that they would attack us this Morning, which they having not done, and the Marshy Grounds between the two Armies making it impracticable for us to go to them, if they decline a Battle, his Grace has given Orders for the Troops to encamp, and for extending our Lines from the Right near this Place towards the Schelde, and the Left near Bouchain. This Surprize will be the more mortifying to the Enemy, since they pretended to have taken such Precautions for preserving their Lines, and were so confident of their Superiority, that they thought themselves in a Condition to send a third Detachment to the Rhine.

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